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MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

CalFire Website: www.fire.ca.gov

Mendocino County Website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 53,300 acres and is 95% contained. There are 4 active fires and 125 contained fires. Significant mop-up and patrol operations continue on all fires throughout the incident. Favorable weather conditions are expected to continue over the next several days. Firefighters are taking advantage of the weather conditions and are making substantial progress on containment. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

California Office of Emergency Services (OES) mutual aid engines are covering some Mendocino Unit fire stations. The MEU Lightning Complex is providing assistance to the Mill Fire/ Soda Complex in the Mendocino National Forest.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations continue to be conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

None

Resources

Engines: 153 Crews: 69 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 58 Dozers: 26
Overhead: 290 Total Personnel: 2,232 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 1

Incident Facts

Incident Size: 53,300 Acres

• Contained: 95%

Injuries to date: 45

Fatalities to date: 1

Outbuilding Destroyed: 1

Residences Destroyed: 1

Number of Active Fires: 4

Total Number of Fires: 129

Estimated Costs to Date: \$39,980,000